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## MISSION VILLAGE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| ◆ 8:30 a.m. Sunday  | Adult Education Class       |
| ◆ 9:30 a.m. Sunday  | Worship Service             |
| ◆ 10:00 a.m. Sunday | Children's Bible Adventures |



# A SERVANT'S PERSPECTIVE

Dear Church Family,

It's not long now – 'til Christmas. When I was a kid, Christmas was all about toys. There were four parts to a successful Christmas. Opening the presents, playing with the toys, calling your friends to let them know what you got and finding out what they got. But the older I get, the less gifts mean to me and the more I wish to see the Christ of the holiday. Yet year after year society seems to want to remove Him more and more.

So, I want to leave you with a story that might help you keep Christ close by during this season.

*Don and Carol Richardson worked as missionaries among the Sawi people of Indonesia. When they went to these isolated, head-hunting cannibals in the early 1960s, they struggled to learn enough of their language to share the gospel. Finally Don climbed the ladder into the Sawi man-house and, surrounded by the skulls of cannibalized victims, began trying to teach in the terms and categories familiar to him. Richardson told about Abraham and God's selection of the Jews. He explained about the Messiah and the Lamb of God. The Sawi were bored and unresponsive. Although fascinated by the foreigners, the Sawi continued to fight each other. Tribal factions battled in sight of the Richardsons' jungle home. Fear and frustration led the missionaries to make a decision to leave. When tribal leaders learned of their plan, they said, "If you will stay, we promise to make peace in the morning."*

*Don and Carol Richardson witnessed an incredible ceremony the very next day. Two hostile groups were positioned opposite their house, on either side of a clearing. A tangible suspense wafted in the air between them. Finally, one man picked up his newborn child and dashed across the meadow. His wife ran after him, screaming and begging for her baby to be given back to her. Unable to catch him, she fell to her knees on the ground and sobbed for her infant.*

*The child's father presented his baby to the enemy clan. "Plead the peace child for me," he said. "I give you my son, and I give you my name." Soon thereafter, someone from the recipient tribe performed the same agonizing ritual in reverse. For as long as those peace children remained alive, the missionary was later told, the two warring factions were bound to each other in peace.*

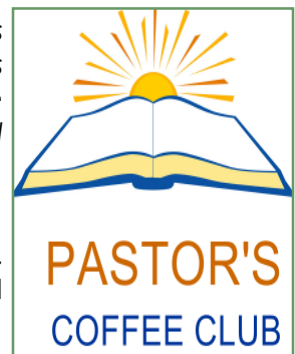
*Richardson had his analogy of redemption! He soon climbed into the Sawi man-house again to tell the story of the ultimate Peace Child given to humankind by the one true God. Chiefs who had been unresponsive to the gospel sat spellbound. Over time, he continued to develop a theology based on Jesus, the Peace Child. A matchless Christmas for Richardson and the Sawi came as first a few and finally hundreds of the once-warring, once-cannibalistic souls received Christ. A large group of new believers gathered for worship, and a Sawi man stood and read these words in his own language: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).*

*Author - Rubel Shelly*

I'm excited this year to travel to New Mexico where Susan's parents are. All of our children and son-in-laws will be with us. But mostly, I'm glad I know the "Peace Child" personally.

Have a Blessed Christmas,

Pastor Carl



Wed, Dec 10

10:00 a.m.

## ALL CHURCH CAMP

Roger and I started attending All Church camp in 1999. You probably saw the motor home parked in the lot. Why do we bring the motor home? Well I'll tell you.

That first year we had so many families coming to church camp that we ran out of rooms for everyone – so the camp committee asked if any could give up their room and bring a motor home. Roger & I saw this as a way to help out – so we quickly volunteered. We still bring our motor home; even though we have plenty of rooms for all that want to attend.

We go to “All Church Camp” for the fellowship and opportunity to spend time with our “Church Family”; we get to meet and talk to other people and learn things we did not have time to do on Sunday mornings. We also get to share our stories with others.

When you look at the cost of “All Church Camp” think of all you get: Room, food, and plenty of good wholesome fun for every member of your family. Not to mention the teaching that we all receive and share with one another.

I don't know about the rest of you but I really enjoy a weekend of being pampered with breakfast, lunch, and dinner that I don't have to fix, serve, or clean up.

I hope to see all of you there this year – April 24-26, 2009. Please sign up as soon as possible with Darryl to reserve your room. Payment plans are accepted.

June

## *What is a Prayer Quilt?*

Can you touch a prayer?

Can you pull it close and feel its comfort?

You can if it's part of a prayer quilt.

The idea behind these quilts is simple, yet powerful. A heavy thread is used to take stitches through the quilt layers, and the ends are left free to be tied with a square knot. As each knot is tied, a silent prayer is offered for someone in special need — someone who has asked us to pray for them. The quilt is then given to that person. What makes each quilt so special is not the pattern, color or workmanship, but the fact that prayer is symbolically tied into each one. These comforters are a statement of faith, and a testimony to our belief in God and in the power of prayer.



Prayers & Squares, The Prayer Quilt Ministry, began in 1992 at Hope United Methodist Church in San Diego, California. Since then the ministry has expanded to include chapters in churches of many different denominations across the world.

Through Prayers & Squares, thousands of quilts have been distributed, each a special gift of love. They have been made for sick babies, for cancer and AIDS patients, for adults and children facing surgery or difficult family situations — for many reasons, but each for someone in special need of the healing power of prayer.

Would you like to learn more about how you can help with or support this ministry? Here's what you can do:

### Donate Materials

Fabric

Tone on Tone Backing

Sewing Thread

#5 Pearl Cotton

Batting

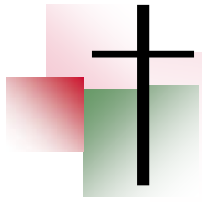
### Donate Time

Machine Sew-ers

Hand Sew-ers

Tie Placement

For more information contact the church office 858.278.2633



# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The following staff positions are currently open:

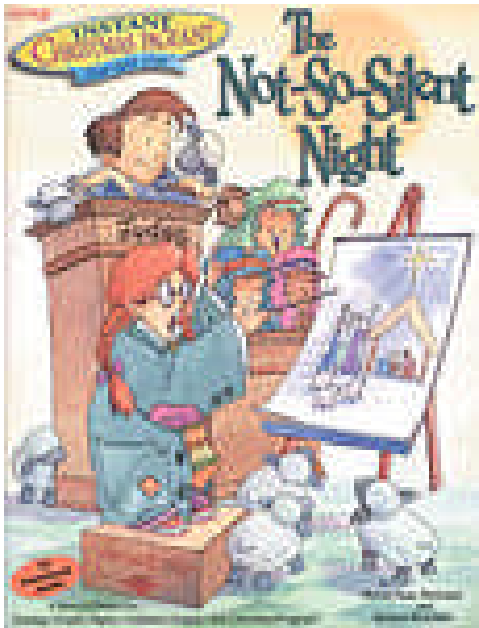
Application Programmer Analyst  
Benefits Coordinator  
Chief Information Officer  
Community Ministries Assistant – part time  
Credential Analyst (Bakersfield)  
Director, Undergraduate Admissions  
Landscape Project Supervisor  
Office Assistant/Receptionist – part time (Bakersfield)  
Payroll Assistant, part time  
PC Technician  
SFS Loan Assistant  
Web Designer/Developer

For more information, click [HERE](#) (or type in the web address below) to access the job postings. Please send this list to anyone you know who may be looking for a new job.

Thanks,

Wendy Berchek  
Human Resources Assistant  
Office of Human Resources  
Point Loma Nazarene University

<http://www.pointloma.edu/HumanResources/Employment.htm>



*You are Invited to:  
This years Christmas Pageant  
The Not-So-Silent-Night*

*Staring  
Our Children  
December 21, 2008  
9:30 a.m.*

## Senior Lunches



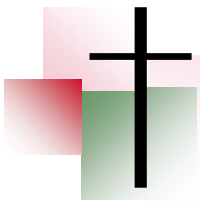
MVCF-Common Ground Café hosts the Living Well Senior Lunches on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday every week at 11:00 a.m. for a donation of \$3.50 a meal.

The menu is posted on the bulletin board by the Church Office and in the café.

For reservations, please call Beverly at least two days in advance at 858.571.2994.

**FOUNDATIONS - MVCF Youth Group**  
December 10th—Laser Tag  
7pm at MVCF

See Caleb Hummel or Luke Jacobs For More Information  
Check Out the FOUNDATIONS Blog at  
<http://mvcfyouth.blogspot.com>



# FELLOWSHIP

Dear Church family,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

As the new chairperson of the fellowship ministry I know that this is going to be a journey of faith- like every new experience in our lives. I am trusting the Lord to help me serve him in this capacity to the best. I know too that I cannot do this without the help of each one of you because, as you will all agree, many hands make light work! I will therefore be calling on you individually as the need arises for your input based on your unique gifts and qualities- be prepared! Thus, with everyone on board, we will have a very successful ministry!

Now to other matters. We would like to reintroduce SWEET SUNDAY next month. For those who do not know what it is I'll explain: On the first Sunday of December this year (that is December 7<sup>th</sup>), every capable and willing person is encouraged to bring baked goodies to share with the congregation after service. Look for reminders in the bulletin.

Secondly, we're announcing the introduction of CELEBRATION SUNDAYS. Starting in January 2009, we will have a themed lunch on the LAST Sunday of the month in the fellowship hall right after church. So, instead of the usual munchies, a home fellowship will be in charge of providing lunch for that day. Won't that be wonderful? Woohoo!

Our first celebration will be on Sunday January 25<sup>th</sup> 2009. Keep your ears and eyes open for bulletin reminders.

Ideas of themes for lunches are very welcome!

God bless you all.

Sabina A.



## **"Sweet Sunday"**

Plan on bringing something sweet to the table for  
fellowship after service on December 7th.  
All goodies are welcome!





# DECEMBER CALENDAR

|       |   |  |
|-------|---|--|
| Mon   | 1 | Home Fellowship - Angus, 2:00 p.m.<br>Home Fellowship - Adjibolosooos, 7:00 p.m. |
| Tues  | 2 | Open   |
| Wed   | 3 | Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Youth Group, 7:00 p.m.                                 |
| Thurs | 4 | Home Fellowship - Thibodeaux, 7:00 p.m.  |
| Fri   | 5 | Bunco/Potluck, 6:00 p.m.<br>Home Fellowship-Armstead, 7:00 p.m.                  |
| Sat   | 6 | Food Bank Distribution   |

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| <b>Sun</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>Adult Sunday School, 8:30 a.m. Worship, 9:30 a.m.<br/>Kearny Mesa Convalescent Visit, 3:00 p.m.</b> |
| Mon        | 8        | Home Fellowship - Angus, 2:00 p.m.<br>Home Fellowship - Adjibolosooos, 7:00 p.m.                       |
| Tues       | 9        | Council Christmas Meeting off Campus, 7:00 p.m.  |
| Wed        | 10       | Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Youth Night Out 7:00 p.m.   |
| Thurs      | 11       | PanHandlers, 9:00 a.m.<br>Home Fellowship - Thibodeaux, 7:00 p.m.                                      |
| Fri        | 12       | Home Fellowship-Armstead   |
| Sat        | 13       | God's Extended Hand, 8:00 a.m.   |

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| <b>Sun</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>Adult Sunday School, 8:30 a.m. Worship, 9:30 a.m.<br/>MCRD 9:00 a.m.; Immanuel Convalescent Visit, 2:00 p.m.<br/>Angel Tree Gift Wrapping at 12:00 p.m.<br/>Gifts to the King, 7:00 p.m.</b> |
| Mon        | 15        | Home Fellowship - Angus, 2:00 p.m.<br>Home Fellowship - Adjibolosooos, 7:00 p.m.  |
| Tues       | 16        | Open  |
| Wed        | 17        | Pastor's Coffee Club, 10:00 a.m.<br>Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Youth Group, 7:00 p.m.   |
| Thurs      | 18        | Home Fellowship - Thibodeaux, 7:00 p.m.   |
| Fri        | 19        | Home Fellowship - Armstead, 7:00 p.m.   |
| Sat        | 20        | Women's Breakfast, 9:30 a.m.<br>Angel Tree Party, 5-8:00 p.m.   |

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| <b>Sun</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>Adult Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.<br/>Childrens Christmas Pageant, Worship 9:30 a.m.</b> |
| Mon        | 22        | Home Fellowship - Angus, 2:00 p.m.<br>Home Fellowship - Adjibolosooos, 7:00 p.m.         |
| Tues       | 23        | Open   |
| Wed        | 24        | <b>Christmas Eve Service, 7:00 p.m.</b>  |
| Thurs      | 25        | <b>Christmas - Office Closed</b>   |
| Fri        | 26        | Office Closed  |
| Sat        | 27        | Open   |

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| <b>Sun</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>Adult Sunday School, 8:30 a.m. Worship, 9:30 a.m.</b>                         |
| Mon        | 29        | Home Fellowship - Angus, 2:00 p.m.<br>Home Fellowship - Adjibolosooos, 7:00 p.m. |
| Tues       | 30        | Open   |
| Wed        | 31        | Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.,<br><b>New Years Eve</b>                               |

# JUST FOR KIDS

## Yuletide GAMES

Enjoy the Christmas season with these games, centered around the theme of Jesus, our greatest gift.

### JESUS' BIRTH FROM A-Z

What you need:

- Paper
- Pencils or pens
- Bibles (optional)



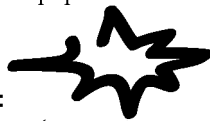
What you do:

Instruct players to think of as many Christmas-related words as they can that start with each letter of the alphabet. Start with A and give everyone a minute to brainstorm words for each letter. For example, M words include manger, Mary and miracle. If you get stuck, look at the Nativity accounts in Matthew 1 and 2, and also Luke 2. Players get a point for each word not repeated by others.

### PIN THE STAR ON THE MANGER

What you need:

- Butcher paper, poster board or plain wrapping paper
- Markers, paint or crayons
- Construction paper stars
- Tape
- Blindfold



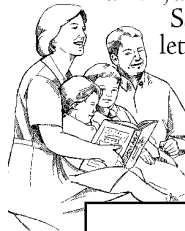
What you do:

On large paper, draw a picture of a stable. Give each player a star cutout. Put a small + above the manger where the star led the shepherds and wise men to baby Jesus. Like in Pin the Tail on the Donkey, the blindfolded person who puts his or her star closest to the + wins.



## The Story of Jesus' Birth

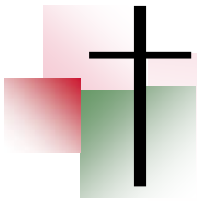
Jesus' birth is recorded in three New Testament chapters: Matthew 1 and 2, and Luke 2. Follow some important words about our Savior's birth by starting at a word beginning with the letter A and finishing with a word starting with the letter Z.



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|--------|-----------|--------|------------|-----------|--|
| angels | Bethlehem | car    | dance      | easel     |  |
| cat    | bear      | child  | donkey     | egg       | fast                                     |
| holy   | glory     | flocks | Earth      | feathers  | gap                                      |
| inn    | jacket    | grapes | peace      | quiet     | hat                                      |
| Joseph | King      | Lord   | only       | righteous | shepherds                                |
| kelp   | loop      | Mary   | night      | unique    | tidings                                  |
| last   | maze      | paper  | wise men   | virgin    | water                                    |
| open   | nest      | word   | excitement | young     | zillions saved by this baby called Jesus |



Answer: angels, Bethlehem, child, donkey, Earth, flocks, glory, holy, inn, Joseph, King, Lord, Mary, night, only, peace, quiet, righteous, shepherds, tidings, unique, virgin, wise men, excitement, young, zillions (saved by this baby called Jesus)



# SPECIAL EVENTS

**Food Distribution in Serra Mesa**

through Feeding America San Diego Food Bank  
and Mission Village Christian Fellowship Church

**Where:** Parking Lot of Mission Village Christian Fellowship Church, 2650 Melbourne Dr. one block off Mission Village Dr. at Shawn up the hill from Qualcomm Stadium

**When:** **Saturday, December 6, 2008 1:00-3:00pm**

**Who:** If you have a need for food, you can come. For accountability to Feeding America San Diego Food Bank, you will need to sign your name and give an address or phone to receive your food.

**Also Needed:  
Volunteers to assist in the distribution**

Information: 858-278-2633

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2650 Melbourne Dr.  
San Diego, CA 92123

## Angel Tree

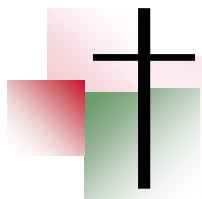


*Those of you that picked up an Angel, please return your gifts to the church by 12:00 p.m. and Join us for the Gift wrapping party December 14, 2008 from noon until the last gift is wrapped.*

*Then on Saturday,  
December 20, 2008*

*Join us for the  
Angel Tree Christmas Party  
Starts at 5:00 p.m.*

*Contact Angel Tree Coordinator  
Christopher French at  
858.735.5923*



# SPECIAL EVENTS

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 06—Daniel Kingsbury
- 10—Willa Baker
- 10—Steve Brunson
- 11—Kira Brennan
- 13—Elaine Morgan
- 14—Jim Ryer
- 21—Roger McCollough
- 21—Ronda Adams
- 22—Don Brennan
- 23—Brenda Casey
- 23—Doug White
- 24—Christina Jacobs
- 24—Kaden Baker
- 25—Ed Clark
- 27—Betty Thomas
- 31—Richard Herron

## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- Mike & Janetta Stephen—02
- Mike & Terri Loren—09
- Tom & Inez Richley—26
- Doug & Margi Eno—27

## HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

- Angus, Mon @ 2 p.m.
  - Adjibolosoo, Mon @ 7 p.m.
  - Thibodeaux, Thurs @ 7 p.m.
  - Women's Fellowship, January 9 @ 7 p.m.
  - Armstead, Fri @ 7 p.m.
- See Bulletin or Call Church Office  
(858.278.2633)  
for More Information

*Gifts to the King*  
Sunday, December 14, 2008  
At 7:00 p.m.



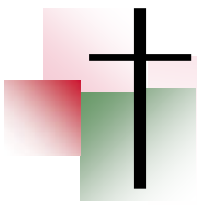
Mission Village Christian Fellowship  
Join us!

Every week a group of folks meet to pray for the church, for those who are ill or hurting, and for our land.

We meet at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Please join us.

To view the complete MVCF calendar, go to:  
[www.mvcf.net](http://www.mvcf.net) and click on [Calendar of Events](#).



# SPECIAL EVENTS

## Advent

The custom of lighting the Advent candles in family worship is almost as old as Christianity itself. The custom originated centuries ago with peasant folks who lovingly prepared their hearts for Christmas. On the first Sunday evening in Advent, each family would gather around the hearth. On the mantel the Advent candles were arranged, one for each of the four Sundays. A little apart from the others stood the tall taper known as the Christmas candle, or the Christ candle. As the family met around the worship center, the Bible was taken from its honored place and one of the Christmas stories was read. At the close, the first Advent candle was touched with flame. Then the family sang some beloved carol, as a sense of awe and expectation fell upon the worshiping household. When the singing ceased, a short period of silence followed. Then came the advent prayer.

Thus ended the little ceremony. They all knew, however, that this was just the beginning. On each succeeding Sunday they would share another story, light an additional candle, sing another carol, and participate in another Advent prayer, until on Christmas Day all the candles would be lighted to celebrate the birth of Christ.

On this first Sunday of Advent we focus on HOPE. We think of the people of Israel as they waited for the coming Messiah who would free His people from their bondage.

*"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and give birth to a son and will call Him Immanuel (meaning "God with us"). Isaiah 7:14*

*"But as for me, I watch in hope for the Lord. I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me." Micah 7:7*

On the second Sunday of Advent we celebrate PEACE. This candle represents the peace God has provided through the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ.

*"Suddenly, a great company of heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests.'" Luke 2:13, 14.*

On the third Sunday of Advent we celebrate JOY. This candle represents the joy God has provided through the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ.

*"And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the Glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be to all people.'" Luke 2:8-10*

On the fourth Sunday of Advent we celebrate LOVE. This candle represents God's love sent to us through His Son, Jesus Christ.

*"For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him." John 3:16-17.*

On this Christmas Eve we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. This candle represents Jesus as the light of the world, which we can share with others.

*"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death, a light has dawned." Isaiah 9:2*

*"When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12*

*"Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house." Mt. 5:15*

## Mission Village Christian Fellowship

You are invited to worship with us each week and to accompany your children as they participate in our Church School program.

We are a family church and serve every age:

Adult Class..... 8:30 a.m.  
 Coffee Fellowship ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Worship & Children's Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.  
 (Coffee Fellowship Following Worship)

**Nursery and toddler care is available during Worship Service and Sunday School**

## Staff and Leadership

Pastor .....Carl N. Baker  
 Ministers ..... ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE CONGREGATION  
 Elders ..... Tony DaVee, Chris French, Paul Staley  
 Administrative Elder ..... Russ Armstead  
 Elder In Training ..... Carl Jensen  
 Worship Leader ..... Andrew Winger  
 Support and Counseling Ministry ..... Janetta Stephen  
 Youth Pastor ..... Caleb Hummel  
 Administrative Assistant ..... Ronda Adams  
 Newsletter Editor ..... Terri Loren

## Council Members

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Moderator           | David Casey        |
| Clerk               | Jennifer McKinney  |
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| Finance             | Kathleen Staley    |
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| Youth Ministry      | Luke Jacobs        |
| Adult Ministry      | Scott Fiori        |
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